**July events to celebrate America's birthday** 

he City of Show Low invites everyone to celebrate our nation's birthday at two signature family-friendly events. The fun begins **Friday**, **June 29**, with the annual popular and crowd-pleasing:

❖ Deuce's Wild Rodeo at the Village Arena rodeo grounds, 4555 S. White Mountain Road. Kids' activities begin at 3:00 p.m., followed by the pro rodeo sanctioned by the Grand Canyon Pro Rodeo Association (GCPRA) at 7:00 p.m. GCPRA members can register online at gcpra.net. Local, non-GCPRA contestants are also invited to participate in the rodeo. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids (12 and under) and \$25 for a family pass (limited to 2 adults and 3 kids), available at Boot Barn, Shantytown, Show

Low Chamber of Commerce and at the event. Call (928) 537-3883 or visit deuceswildrodeo.us for more information about the event or to register.

Wednesday, July 4, is the big day for the annual parade and FreedomFest, both sponsored by the City of Show Low, featuring an exciting line-up of activities.

❖ Find your seat for the *Fourth of July Pa-rade*, which starts at 9:00 a.m. and travels eastbound from Owens along the Deuce of Clubs, southbound on White Mountain Road then west on Hall. This year's parade theme is "Heroes, History and Honor" to honor our patriotic

tradition. A "wet zone" will be open, at no charge, 30 minutes following the parade until 1:30 p.m.

at Frontier Fields, north on 9th Place, for

anyone who wants to have a wet and wild time! All ages are invited to come and frolic through the sprinklers, get soaked from Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District's fire truck or enjoy other exciting water activities. Call (928) 532-4140 for more information or to register for

\* FreedomFest at the Show Low football stadium complex, 500 W. Old Linden Road. Gates open at 3:00 p.m., with

the parade.

free admission. Enjoy live concerts, activities and food vendors offering a wide variety of tasty treats. The entertainment begins at 3:00 with Fools Hollow Band, followed by 415Edward at 4:15 and Arizona Blacktop at 5:30. Parade winners will be announced at 6:45. At 7:00 is a flag-raising ceremony, accompanied by the Show Low High School Choir. This year's headliner is Sir Harrison Band performing at 7:30 and again at 9:30, following the spectacular fireworks display at approximately 9:00, if weather permits. The Fun Zone — for the young and young at heart — will be in full swing from 3 to 8:30 p.m., with a double-lane mega slide, rock wall, adrenaline rush obstacle course, rock and roll joust, wrecking ball and bounce houses. Unlimited activity wristbands are only \$10 each (arrive early for the best value). Call (928) 532-4140 for more information.